Athlete Eligibility

1. The Saskatchewan Games are open to Saskatchewan residents who are Canadian citizens or who have landed immigrant status for a minimum period of one year prior to the Games.

2. Each District team shall be comprised of eligible athletes whose Saskatchewan domicile or actual residence for at least six months prior to the Games, was located within the recognized boundaries of the District they are representing. In the event that an athlete moves from one District to another less than six months prior to the start of the Games, a special request may be made to the Saskatchewan Games Council to determine eligibility.

3. Students enrolled and attending secondary or post-secondary school on a full-time basis outside their District residence may elect to compete in a District play down in either their home District or the academic resident District, but not both.

   Students attending a secondary school outside their home District must be enrolled in a minimum of 60% of the eligible credits to be considered a full-time student.

   Students attending a post-secondary school outside their home District must be enrolled in a minimum of the equivalent 3 full time classes per year to be considered a full-time student.

4. First Nation athletes who reside and attend school in one District but are members of a First Nation in another District may elect to participate in either District, but not both. If they try out for one District and are not selected for that team, they are not permitted to try out for that sport in another District.

5. Athletes who have shared custody in a split marriage must participate in the District in which they currently attend school. If an athlete is transferring schools to live with the other parent or guardian in another District in the year of the Games, then the school that the athlete previously attended will be the District they participate in.

6. Athletes residing outside Saskatchewan:

   Individual Sports:
   Athletes residing at an address outside Saskatchewan are eligible to participate in the Saskatchewan Games if they meet the following conditions:
   - They reside near the Saskatchewan border and attend school on a full-time basis in a recognized Saskatchewan education system;
   - In the year of the Saskatchewan Games they must be a registered member of the appropriate Saskatchewan Provincial Organization (PSO) and not be a member of another province;
   - They are eligible for membership with a PSO in Saskatchewan.

Team Sports:
If a team has members from outside the Province of Saskatchewan, the team will be eligible if these criteria are met:

- The majority of the team resides in Saskatchewan or attends school on a full-time basis in a Saskatchewan based education system, and the others live within reasonable commuting distance;
- In the year of the Saskatchewan Games they must be a registered member of the appropriate Saskatchewan PSO and not be a member of another province;
- They are eligible for membership with a PSO in Saskatchewan.

7. District Team Eligibility

Sports using Club Team selection
When a team roster is comprised of athletes residing in different Districts, the following criteria will determine which District the team will represent:

- In the year of the Saskatchewan Games they must be a registered member of the appropriate Saskatchewan PSO;
- Where a team has members from two or more Districts, and is registered in a recognized league, it shall compete in the District where the majority of the players reside. Teams in this position may have members living in adjacent Districts within reasonable commuting distance.

8. The Games are open to amateur athletes recognized as such by the applicable PSO.

9. For each Games an athlete may participate in one sport only in each half; however, an athlete may elect to try out for different sports in the District team selection process. Upon acceptance of selection to a District team in that half of the Games, the athlete must remain with that team until the completion of the Games and is not eligible to try out for another sport.

10. Coaches, managers and athletes may participate in more than one sport, but they may only participate in one sport in each half of the Games.

11. The age classification for participation in the Saskatchewan Games is based on the LTAD model for each sport. Recognizing the Multi-sport environment that athletes are exposed to at the Games, each sport should consider the maturity level of the athlete when establishing its age classification.

12. Eligibility of athletes for the Saskatchewan Games program must be clearly identified by the PSO in the Sport Technical package.

13. Prior to the Games, the eligibility of any athlete not clearly established by these rules will be determined by the Saskatchewan Games Council. During the Games, the eligibility will be determined by the Games Jury.

14. Coaches, managers and athletes of the District team must stay in the Athletes' Village during the Games.

BADMINTON
TECHNICAL PACKAGE

2026 Saskatchewan Winter Games
February 15 – 21, 2026
Flying Dust First Nation and Meadow Lake

1.0 SPORT:

1.1 Competition Site: Carpenter High School

1.2 Competition Dates: February 18-21, 2026

1.3 Sanction: Saskatchewan Badminton Association

2.0 PARTICIPANTS:

2.1 Number of Competitors per District: 5 Male and 5 Female

2.2 Coaches and Managers per District: 1 Coach and 1 Manager

Note: Sports that have both male and female competitors must ensure that at least one coach/manager is of the opposite gender.

3.0 CLASSIFICATION:

3.1 Year of Birth: U19 – Born 2008 or later.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY:

4.1 Athletes: Must be a Member in Good Standing with the Saskatchewan Badminton Association

4.2 Coaches: Old level 1 or Competitive Regional

As a coach or manager of a District team you will be volunteering with children, who are vulnerable members of our society. As per the policy of the Saskatchewan

Games Council, all coaches and managers are required to undergo a Criminal Record Check and a Vulnerable Sector Check.

As per the mandatory requirements for all sports in Saskatchewan the "Respect in Sport" online training program must be taken by all coaches. It is strongly recommended that managers take the online training to ensure that as youth leaders they recognize, understand and respond to issues of abuse, bullying and harassment.

4.3 Exclusions: None

5.0 PROVINCIAL REGISTRATION:

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7.0 COMPETITION:

7.1 Type of Competition

Competition will consist of a round robin competition with Seven (7) matches per tie.

7.2 Events: 1 Men's Singles, 1 Ladies Singles, 2 Men's Doubles, 2 Ladies Doubles and 1 Mixed Doubles

Nominations for teams for each tie: The coach of each District must nominate the position of players in writing to the referee at least 30 minutes before the start of each encounter. Following the first encounter, any changes in positions at the discretion of the coach must be submitted in writing to the referee at least 30 minutes before the start of each succeeding encounter.

Players may only be nominated for a maximum of two events per encounter. No player can be nominated for more than one position in the same discipline. Once the referee has received the names of the players nominated to play in an encounter, no changes or substitutions may be made for that encounter.

Example:
District 1 players: A, B, C, D, E

Singles A	Doubles A and B	Mixed Doubles C or D plus E
Singles B	Doubles C and D	

All Districts must declare two separate ranking orders for Male and for Female (#1 to #5), one for Singles and the other for Doubles. The ranking order should be based on the latest Provincial rankings.

While submitting your roster for each tie:
Singles: The player with the highest singles ranking on your team's roster will play at position # 1 and the other player will play at #2.

Doubles: Doubles team that includes the player with the highest doubles ranking on the team roster will play at position #1 and the other team will play at #2.

Each team member must play in at least one discipline per tie in the round robin portion of the schedule. Team roster for the seeding and finals will be at the discretion of the coach, (players can only play in 2 disciplines in the final tie).

7.3 Playoff Format:

1st of Pool A vs 1st of Pool B	Gold and Silver Match
2nd of Pool A vs 2nd of Pool B	Bronze and 4th Match
3rd of Pool A vs 3rd of Pool B	5th and 6th Match
4th of Pool A vs 4th of Pool B	7th and 8th Match

7.4 Seeding: The Districts will participate in a round robin play in two pools. Pool A will be (1,4,5,8,9) and Pool B will be (2,3,6,7). Pools will be determined by the last games standings.

8.0 RESULTS:

8.1 Results Program:

8.2 Results Format: Best of 9 disciplines to win the tie

8.3 Sport Scoring: 3 games to 21 points, in case of a tie after 21 you must win by 2 points until you reach 30, then the first one to reach 30 wins

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9.0 TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE:

9.1 Two Districts tied – The District that won the match between the two Districts involved in the tie.

9.2 Three Districts tied – The District with the fewest points scored against them in the matches played between the Districts involved will be the winner.

10.0 SPORT PROTEST PROCEDURE:

The only protests which can be taken to the sport jury will be in accordance with the rules and regulations of Badminton Canada. Officials' calls will not be allowed for a protest.

11.0 EQUIPMENT:

Badminton courts, poles, nets and Mavis 350 yellow shuttles.

12.0 SPORT JURY:

- SBA Technical Director
- Head referee
- Sask Sport representative
- Host official

13.0 OFFICIALS REQUIRED:

13.1 Major Officials: National caliber official

13.2 Minor Officials: 6 certified umpires

14.0 MEDICAL SERVICES:

Medical services should be able to tape an athlete.

15.0 MEDALS:

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Team Event	10	10	10
Total	**10**	**10**	**10**

16.0 DISTRICT TEAMS SELECTION CRITERIA:

Districts are to have 2 trials (camps) which are to be a round robin style tournament for singles only. The top 5 players after a round robin play will determine the team, plus alternates.

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